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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3914

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMCONSUL UDORN

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S E C R E T VIENTIANE 3494

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, LA

SUBJECT: E&E: US PRESENCE IN LAOS

REF: STATE 114561 (NOTAL)

1. IN CONSIDERING WHAT WE NEED TO DO, WE SHOULD NOT SKEW THE DISCUSSION BY ASSUMING THE PROBABILITY OF AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A POSSIBILITY WE HAVE TO STUDY AND PREPARE FOR AND WE HAVE BEEN DOING SO VIGOROUSLY. HOWEVER, THIS POSSIBILITY SHOULD NOT CONDITION ALL OUR ACTIONS HERE. IN FACT, WE BELIEVE THAT A GOVERNMENT EVEN COMPLETELY DOMINATED BY THE PATHET LAO WOULD STILL WISH TO HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE USG AND PERMIT THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF AN EMBASSY WITH A FEW MILITARY ATTACHES. WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THAT USAID CAN SURVIVE AS IT HAS EXISTED. THE BIG ISSUE IS WHETHER

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THE PATHET LAO WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT ANY MISSION

REQUIRED BY U.S. LEGISLATION TO SUPERVISE THE AID THAT THEY WANT. PL'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS USIS IS ALSO UNCERTAIN. IN A WORD, VIENTIANE IS NOT SAIGON NOR PHNOM PENH. WE ARE GOING THROUGH A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD WHICH IS NECESSARILY UNCERTAIN; WE ARE NOT HEADING TO A SHOW-DOWN AT HIGH NOON. AND AT SUCH TIMES WE SHOULD HANDLE OURSELVES WITH DIGNITY.

2. NEVERTHELESS, COUNTRY TEAM DISCUSSED VERY SUBJECT OF REFTEL SATURDAY (THE DAY BEFORE IT WAS RECEIVED), AND CONCLUDED, AS DOES REFTEL, THAT VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE

"lost data"

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